

Remarks:

Status of Claims

Claims 1-22 are currently pending with claims 1, 15, 18, and 21 being independent. Claims 1, 12-14, and 21 have been amended. Claims 15-20 have been allowed by the Examiner.

Office Action

In the Office Action dated April 19, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2 as being indefinite, specifically for lacking antecedent basis. Applicant has amended these claims as well as claim 12 to include proper antecedent basis.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 13, 14, 21, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Nayar et al., U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0134599 A1. Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 21 to include further description of the control file. Specifically, claims 1 and 21 now recite a control file that is operable to be utilized by a machine to physically manipulate the surface according to the dots. Nayar's disclosure is directed toward modification of a projected image onto an arbitrary surface to compensate for surface imperfections or color variations, or alternatively, to give a desired appearance or effect. However, Nayar's disclosure does not include physical manipulation of any object as is now recited in claims 1 and 21. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) no longer applies.

The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from the discussed independent claims and therefore, should be in a condition for allowance.

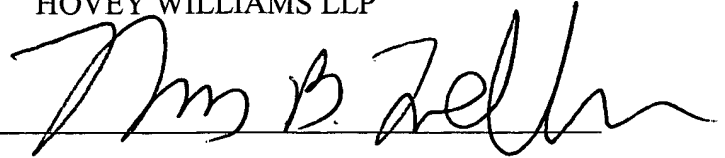
In view of this response and the remarks herein, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-14 and 21-22 are in allowable condition and requests a corresponding Notice of Allowance to accompany claims 15-20, which have already been allowed. In the event of further questions, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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Respectfully submitted,

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